



# Tallil Times

## IN BRIEF

### Services Information

For the latest information about what's happening in services, visit their website at <http://intranet/ESVS/SVShome.htm>.

### Don't be complacent

Leaders here remind everyone that we're deployed to a combat zone and we should be constantly vigilant.

### Bedrock Central

Bedrock City Council will meet Apr. 7, at 9 a.m., in the 407th AEG conference room.

The Bedrock Heath, Moral, Safety and Welfare committee meets Tuesdays at 8 a.m., in the Chapel Annex. Discussion this week will be the base bug problem, which the Pest Management Team is working. See Billeting for mosquito netting, supplies limited.

This is an open forum for all interested in attending.

Infrastructure committee meeting is held Tuesdays at 2 p.m., in the 407th ECES conference room, Bldg. 630. Environmental Control Units are being replaced in Bedrock during the day to ensure they function correctly during hotter weather. Call 445-2237 for additional information.

### Calling all Company Grade Officers

The CGOC seeks to create a forum for officers to meet, socialize, and network with other officers while promoting the morale, welfare and esprit de corps. In addition, the CGOC focuses on professional development, community service and base support.

CGOs will meet at tent F-14 on Monday night at 8 p.m. to watch "Band of Brothers." The next meeting is scheduled for today at 8 p.m., location to TBA.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Darcie Ildapo

(Left to Right) Colonel Allen Harrell, 122nd Core Support Group commander, Brigadier General Jimmy Welch, 194th Engineer Brigade commander, Colonel Dennis Diggett, 407th Air Expeditionary Group commander and Colonel Red Brown, 56th Brigade Combat Team commander, stand in front of the Ziggurat Saturday.

## Guard leading the way

By Master Sgt. Terry Nelson

407th AEG Public Affairs

Army and Air Force National Guardsmen and Reservists field 40 percent of the 140,000 troops deployed to Iraq today. Here at Ali Base and Camp Cedar, the leadership is comprised entirely of Army and Air National Guardsmen.

It is a unique situation here at Ali Base where every one of the major organizations is commanded by a National Guardsman. Colonel Dennis M. Diggett, 407th Air Expeditionary Group commander is deployed here from the Air National Guard's 106th Rescue Wing in New York, where he is the operations group commander. As the commander of the 407th, his organization is responsible for overseeing the operation of the airfield and the Air Force part of Ali.

Most of the personnel and all of the squadron, flight and detachment commanders of the 407th AEG belong to the active duty component of Air Force, although approximately 10 percent of their ranks have been infiltrated by members of the ANG.

Another unique thing about Ali Base is the fact that the U.S. Air Force is responsible for the force protection for the entire installation, unlike the other three U.S. Air Force bases in Iraq where force protection of the base is a U.S. Army responsibility.

Brigadier Gen. Jimmy Welch, 194th Engineering Brigade commander, is deployed here locally from the Tennessee National Guard. The 194th is involved with a multitude of infrastructure improvements and creations in Southern Iraq, to include schools, police stations and roads. They are also involved with the construction of a huge

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## Who Else Should Know?

By Lt. Col. John Budd

407th EOSS commander

Four years ago I had the opportunity to accompany my wing commander on a BLUE FLAG Exercise at Barksdale AFB, LA., where he served as the Director of Mobility Forces (DIRMOBFOR). Since it was my first time in an Air Operations Center, I was truly amazed that such a chaotic environment could produce an effective air operations plan and daily air tasking order.

There were a bewildering number of planning cells with acronyms for titles such as AMD, NALE, SOLE, GAT, SODO, but there was one acronym hanging everywhere that appeared to apply to everyone but belonged to no one. It was WESK. No one on the DIRMOBFOR staff knew what it meant, but by word of mouth we discovered it stood for Who Else Should Know?

One of the most conspicuous failures of the WESK principle occurred on Dec. 7, 1941. At approximately 7 a.m., Private George Elliot, while working the Opana Radar Station on the Island of Oahu, spotted a large group of aircraft coming in from the north. He reported his sighting to Private Joseph McDonald, who was working the plotting (control) room, who in turn told the ranking officer, Lt. Kermit Tyler.

Lieutenant Tyler responded, it was nothing to get excited about. Moments later, another observer, Private Joseph Lockard, called Private McDonald and exclaimed, "Hey Mac there is a heck of a big flight of planes coming in and the whole scope is covered." After another exchange, Lt. Tyler issued his fateful decision, "Don't worry about it."

No one can say how many lives might have been spared at Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field had the lieutenant stopped to ask, Who Else Should Know?

Good communication and leadership is much more than making sure the chain of command is informed. Modern air warfare carries a dizzying amount of baggage; policies, guidelines, diplomatic and political constraints, public relations—and an extraordinary amount of materiel to support operations.

We simply cannot afford to have Airmen at any level, E-1 to O-10, content to "stay in their lane" with their information. All Airmen must actively involve other units in their decision making—we waste a lot of money and effort every year pursuing good ideas "Piñatas" that ultimately face the unforgiving "rod" of requirements for safety, security, and operational necessity.

In a combat zone, the need for WESK is even more fundamental. Unconcerned, or "Don't worry about it" lips can sink ships just as effectively as "loose" ones. Everything from changed operational procedures to unusual behavior from the natives should be discussed and coordinated across organizational boundaries.

On the small end of the scale, WESK could save hours of labor in reaccomplishing a project, on the large end, it could save a family, unit, or entire base from another "Day of Infamy."



(Top) Tech. Sgt. Jay Namm, 777th EAMX, accepts his first place prize here Mar. 15, as the winner of the Tent City renaming contest. He won a JVC CD Compact Component System. Colonel Dennis M. Diggett, 407th AEG commander and Senior Master Sgt. Robert Appling, 407th ECES fire chief and Top Three President, presented prizes to the top three vote getters in the renaming contest. Namm's submission, "Bedrock" was chosen from more than 150 entries in the contest.



(Top Right) Staff Sgt. Ryan Boyd, 407th ECES fire department, accepts his second place prize, a JVC Portable Anti-Shock CD/CD-R/RW Player, from Col. Diggett and Senior Master Sgt. Appling. Sergeant Boyd's second place entry was "Freedom Village".



(Bottom Right) Master Sgt. Andrew Smith, 777th EAS, accepts his third place prize, a \$15 AAFES Gift Certificate. Sergeant Smith's third place entry was "The Oasis".



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## Guard

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facility south of Ali Base to service convoys. In addition to all this, the 194th still finds time to help out with various projects around Ali Base.

Colonel James "Red" Brown, 56th Brigade Combat Team commander, is also deployed locally from the Texas National Guard. The 56th BCT is responsible for organizing and protecting the convoys that move between Kuwait and Baghdad, an area of about 100,000 square miles. His Brigade also provides significant support to the 407th AEG for the Ali Base force protection mission.

Rounding out the Guard team is Colonel Allen Harrell, 122nd Corps Support Group commander, who is deployed from the Alabama National Guard. The 122nd CSG supports the organizations assigned to LSA Adder (of which Ali Base is a part). Colonel Harrell is the installation commander and he, through the 122nd CSG, is responsible for administering and overseeing the Army part of Ali Base, all Army MWR, the dining facility, Base Exchange, hospital and KBR civilian contracts.

The 122nd CSG also provides assistance to U.S. Air Forces' force protection mission and coordinates the interaction between U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army organizations on Ali Base.

The three U.S. Army organizations, the 122nd CSG, the 56th BCT and the 194th EN BDE are comprised almost entirely of National Guard members.

The Army and Air National Guard have a unique dual-mission that consists of both Federal and State roles. This dual mission

means not only being part of the nation's entire military force, but also being responsible to their respective states during times of state or community emergencies. In peacetime, the governor of each state or territory commands the Army and Air National Guard. The Army and Air Guard has been there to help their communities during such emergencies as; Hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, earthquakes and forest fires. During National crisis', the Army and Air National Guard is activated by the president of the United States.

They have defended our national interests during World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm/Desert Shield and now in Iraq.

The Army National Guard predates the founding of the nation and a standing military by almost a century and a half - and is therefore the oldest component of the United States armed forces.

All 18 National Guard divisions saw combat in World War II, and were split between the Pacific and European theatres. National Guardsmen fought from the beginning. Three National Guard units participated in the heroic defense of Bataan in the Philippines.

The years following World War II saw the creation of the U.S. Air Force from what had been the U.S. Army Air Forces. National Guard flying units became part of the new service, creating the Air National Guard. The new reserve component did not have long to wait before its first combat test.

During the Korean War some 45,000 Air Guardsmen, 80 percent of the force, were mobilized. Air Guardsmen flew 39,530 combat sorties and destroyed 39 enemy aircraft during the Korean War. But, the ANG paid

a high price in Korea as 101 of its members were either killed or declared missing in action during the conflict.

On Jun. 26, 1951, while escorting B-29s near "Mig Alley," First Lt. Arthur E. Olinger and of the 182nd shared credit for the Air Guard's first jet kill. They destroyed one of five Mig-15s that attacked their formation. They demonstrated their combat skills with four Air Guardsmen achieving the coveted status of ace.

During this same time the first of 138,600 Army National Guardsmen were mobilized and National Guard units began arriving in South Korea in January of 1951. By the summer of 1951 a large number of non-divisional engineer and artillery units in Korea were from the National Guard.

From 1968-69, 12,000 Army Guardsmen and 10,511 Air Guardsmen were called to serve their country. Over 9,500 Guardsmen were sent to Vietnam. Once again, the National Guard demonstrated combat-ready professionalism, earning over 4,000 decorations during the conflict.

More than 80,000 Army and Air Guardsmen were called to active duty for the Gulf War. As the air campaign against Iraq began Operation Desert Storm in January 1991, thousands of Army and Air National Guardsmen and women, most of them from combat service and combat service support units, were in Southwest Asia, preparing for the ground campaign against the Iraqi forces. Two thirds of those mobilized would eventually see service in the war's main theater of operations.

The Army and Air National Guard have a long standing tradition of excellence. They have served in every major conflict since World War II and continue to do so today.

## War trophies and souvenirs

As we head into the home stretch of AEF 3/4 here at Balad AB, questions are being raised about the legality of taking home war trophies/souvenirs. This is an historic time in the world, in Iraq in particular, and many people would like to have a piece of history to take home with them. Whether the item in question is for personal use or for display by a home unit, the guidance from COMUSCENTAF is very specific. The following details this guidance:

**PERSONAL USE:** USCENTCOM General Order 1A (GO-1A) **strictly prohibits** retaining for personal

use or transporting out of the USCENTCOM AOR for personal retention any captured enemy weapons, munitions, or military articles of equipment obtained by any means other than by official issue. Violations of the prohibition are punishable under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. There should be no confusion - USCENT AF personnel are **prohibited** from taking possession of these articles of equipment. Guidance published by anyone other than USCENTCOM or CENTAF is not applicable to Air Force personnel.

The point of contact for this matter is Kathi Jones, 9 AF/HO, DSN 965-1441, e-mail [9af.ho3@shaw.af.mil](mailto:9af.ho3@shaw.af.mil). For questions, please contact the legal office at 443-6002/6004.

# Barbecue safety

By Tech. Sgt. Walter Wright

407th ECES Fire Prevention

As we reach the halfway mark in our deployment, we've all probably made new friends along the way. With the weather getting warmer, some of us are feeling the urge to literally "beef up" our social lives with America's favorite past time; barbecue.

For most of us, hot weather and cooking out go hand in hand, but we must remember to do it safely. One small incident, such as an unattended grill or improperly disposing of cooking materials, could easily turn a good time into a destructive and deadly time.

The following guidelines are from AEGI 32-2001, Fire Prevention Program, which governs barbecuing within tent city.

6.2. Barbecue Grills/Open Flame Cooking.

6.2.1. Seek approval from the base fire chief, or designated representative, for use of barbecue grills or similar devices.

Layman's Terms: Contact the Fire Prevention Office prior to beginning cooking activities. You will need a burn permit and fire extinguisher while conducting cooking activities.

6.2.1.1. Barbecue grills or similar devices will only be used in the south or north parking lots of tent city. Personnel will monitor



Courtesy Photo

Barbecues can be a great moral booster, however everyone must follow established policies while enjoying their cookout.

grills at all times and extinguish charcoal after finished with water.

Layman's Terms: North and South graveled parking areas at least 25 feet away from facilities and vehicles. Cooking materials, i.e. charcoal, will need to be extinguished, using water, once cooking is completed.

NOTE: Squadrons/Units wishing to grill or barbecue in work areas are required to obtain a burn permit prior to beginning operations. The above guidelines will be followed.

For questions, contact Tech. Sgt. Walter Wright, Fire Prevention Office at 445-2079.

# Don't be left out in the heat

By Tech Sgt. Jeff Shocklee

407th ECES, NCOIC HVAC

As temperatures begin to rise, your air conditioner can be your best friend or your worst enemy; which one depends mostly on you. As the Environmental Control Units (ECU's) on our tents start switching to cooling mode, here are a few tips to keep your unit running smoothly.

First, your thermostat should presently be set at a relatively comfortable setting. As temperatures rise, the unit will automatically switch to cooling mode.

If needed, thermostats can be slightly

adjusted to a more comfortable setting, however if the unit is turned to its coldest setting, *the unit will freeze up*. Any unit frozen in place will then have to defrost, which could take hours, leaving the occupants without any air conditioning.

To ensure a problem free summer with your air conditioner, find a setting that is comfortable for both day and night and refrain from adjusting your thermostat any further. And if you do have any problems with your system please remember the first step to fixing it is calling Civil Engineering Customer Service at 445-2CES (2237).



Courtesy Photo

Don't let your Environmental Control Unit freeze up and become a casualty like the one above. To assure your unit will not freeze up, find a setting that is comfortable for both day and night and refrain from adjusting your thermostat any further.





# Who wants to be a Millionaire?

**By Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Vital**

*407th ACES First Sergeant*

Now a days it is not enough to be just a millionaire, you need to be a billionaire. Has a nice ring to it, "Billionaire"! However, most of us would be happy with a couple hundred thousand. So, the question begs to be asked. How do I significantly improve my financial position in life? The simple answer is to start a financial plan!

Like many things in life, the best time to start is to day. Financial planning is no different than any other type of planning, personal or military. There are many different approaches to financial planning or strategies if you will but I am going to "KISS" it, Keep It Simple Stupid!

There are thousands of plans but most of them address three basic principles, 1) Debt reduction 2) Emergency Fund 3) Investments.

So, let's peel back the financial onion and look closely at the three principles. The first thing to realize is unless you are independently wealthy, hit the lotto, or inherit a big chunk of change, you are going to have debt and more than likely have debt for most if not all of your life.

Debt free is the best place to be but reduced/limited debt is the next best. Loan consolidation has some advantages but loan reduction is better. In other words put a little extra towards the small loans and pay them off first and then move to the larger ones. However, always try and pay off the loan that has the highest percentage first because it is costing you the most.

Generally, short term personal loans (PAY-DAY Loans) are the worst, credit cards and charge cards next, and then bank/auto loans. You have your debt under control and you're now ready to work on that emergency fund.

How much do I need? Every person/family is different. As a general rule, six months of salary is a good starting point. Also consider your debt/bills as part of the savings formula. I know it will be a big number and take time to amass but start now, while you are single and continue to put a little away.

If you're married, it is not too late, use part of the income tax return to start your emergency fund instead of that nice new plasma 50in HDTV. Credit cards and Air

Force Aid can be a life saver when it comes to personal/family emergencies but in both cases you have to pay them back.

I know you heard this before but it is the truth, pay now or pay later but you are going to pay! You're all over it now, debt under control, nice emergency fund in the bank, you're ready for the final step, investment.

The first thing you must understand is that you should never invest at the cost of step 1 and 2. Putting it simple, makes no cents (pun) to earn a dollar on an investment but pay out two in interest on a loan, think about it. Within a very short period of time you will be a negitivaire the opposite of millionaire!

You should pay down debt, save towards your emergency fund, and invest with a balanced approach. I know it is easy to say, simple to write but tough to execute and you're right. Life is very complex and your financial position changes at the drop of a dime. Flexibility and sticking with basic financial planning will get you through the ups and downs of life.

So, why am I writing about financial planning in the AOR? It is simple, like so many other positive things you are doing right now, fitness, professional development, studying for promotion testing, paying down debt with the extra bucks you are making, capitalizing on financial planning at this time only makes cents!

You have income tax returns due upon your return and the pay you earn while deployed will be exempt for 2005 taxes, which will be a huge windfall. If you where a stock on the NYSE you would be listed as a "Must Buy" because your finical future looks great.

So, take the time to really think about this article. Talk with other people who have and are making money and ask them what they do? We have many benefits in the service that we really don't talk about.

Our VA burial benefit is not something we like to talk about but it saves our family thousands of dollars. Most funerals start around \$10,000. Our military life insurance policy also allows us to save money because it is subsidized.

But the largest benefit we have is military retirement. People normally do not look at retirement pay as an investment but it is. In order for you to receive \$1,000 a month/\$12,000 a year, you would have to save ap-

proximately \$240,000 in a fund that earns 5 percent annually.

In order for you to save \$240,000 in 20 years you would have to deposit \$600 a month for 20 years at five percent annual interest, and that is not calculating taxes. In the last few years, you have been allowed to invest in a second retirement plan, TSP (Thrift Saving Plan).

TSP is very similar to other investment plans in that you have some control of the type of investment and how much money you want to invest. They offer a safe investment (no risk) that to date has out performed most bank checking/savings accounts and Certificates of Deposits (CD).

They also offer more risky investment options that are not guaranteed but have been performing well. C Fund, which is the large capital stock fund has a 6.99 percent return over the last 12 months to date and the S Fund which is the small capital fund is posting a 10.42 percent return over the last 12 months to date.

Right now you are allowed to invest up to 10 percent of our military pay and 100 percent of special/bonus pays, not to exceed \$14,000 for the year. In 2006 the military pay percentage restriction is dropped so you will be able to invest up to 100 percent of your base pay, not to exceed IRS limits.

Later this year TSP will offer a "Lifecycle" fund. It will be an asset allocation portfolios with investment mixes tailored to a participant's target time horizon. In other words, the account automatically adjusts your investments in timing with you approaching withdrawal date. The closer to withdrawal the more conservative (less risk) it becomes.

The idea is to let professional fund managers take care of your investment instead of you guessing on what action to take.

I know this is a lot of information and for those already executing a financial plan take the time to sit down with your young airmen and talk about finances with them.

Being a leader is not just telling your Airmen what they are doing wrong but also sharing information that will benefit them professionally and personally.

My hot investment tip is for you to take a little time and visit this site, <http://www.tsp.gov>."

# March Madness at ALI BASE

By Master Sgt. Frederick A. Carter

407th ESFS Superintendent

The intramural basketball season kicked off in a big way Mar. 14. In the first game of the night the 407th ESFS narrowly defeated the 407th ESFS in a close contest 30-28.

The security forces team showed mettle as they went into their season opener against a tough services team. It didn't take long for the SFS to figure out that the key to victory was keeping guard Eric Dugger (SVS) from penetrating and putting a body on 6' 3" center Carlos Saucedo.

On paper they matched up well, however during the game it was apparent that the SFS had something special in the explosive leaping ability of James Guthrie who was too strong and quick to contend with.

After three turnovers by both teams, Guthrie grabbed a rebound in traffic and finished with a thunderous two-handed dunk over two SVS defenders.

The SVS team then turned the ball over again and Travis Hayes (SFS) scored on a jumper from the top of the key. Raymond Buzeta, SVS, a speedy guard drove the lane and dished to Dugger who finished with a lay in.

The SVS fans urged them on with cheers from the sidelines. This turned on an already hyped up Dugger and he started scoring in bunches.

Cody Hudson, SFS, got into the fracas with a short range jumper. The long arms of Saucedo became a problem for SFS as he swatted shots from Travis Hayes and Chris Saydah.

The SFS took a half time lead of 14-13, despite the combined efforts of Buzeta and Dugger. In the second half the crowd was treated to a dazzling display of offense by Dugger and Guthrie.

The First trip to the mouth of the SFS defense ended in a missed shot by Saucedo who grabbed his own rebound and found Buzeta on the baseline for a soft jumper. Then Hayes scored a quick basket in transition. On the next play Hayes grabbed a rebound and connected with the cherry-picking Guthrie who drove the lane for a ferocious dunk that silenced the SVS fans. Dugger answered Guthrie with a long 3-point bomb that rattled the SFS fans. Guthrie returned with yet another dunk with 5 minutes left that forced SVS to call time out.

Down by eight points with four minutes remaining, SVS started feeding Dugger and he did not disappoint. He scored six unanswered points from lightening drives right past the bewildered SFS defenders.

With 31 seconds left on the clock and SFS leading by two points (30-28), Guthrie attempted to put the game out of reach with a 3 pointer, but it fell short. Buzeta got tangled up but finally came away with the rebound and began his drive to the front court. While trying to find an open teammate for a 3-point shot that could win the game, he marinated the ball and ran right into the tough defense of Hayes and Hudson.

The SVS team could only watch in disbelief as the clock ticked down to the final seconds. The SFS held on to defeat SVS 30 -28. Dugger led SVS with 20 points and Buzeta added six. Guthrie led SFS with 16 points followed by Hayes with eight.



Courtesy Photo

Staff Sgt. Chris Smith, 407th ESFS, prepares to drive against Airman 1st Class Raymond Buzeta, 407th ESFS, during their opening game on Mar. 14. The ESFS team defeated ESFS squad 30-28.

## CE#1 crushes FP 37-25:

In the second contest of the night, 407th ECES #1 crushed the Force Protection squad 37-25, handing the FP squad its first loss of the season.

This game takes a lot of analyzing because FP has a huge front line with 6'5" Keith Rochford and a pair of 6'4" forwards in Jeffrey Potterbaum and Brandon Smith. CE#1 on the other hand was relatively small with medium sized guards and only one player, DeMichael Zellars, standing 6'4".

Potterbaum and Rochford, FP, dominated the first half, showing no mercy with numerous blocked shots and thundering rebounds. Brandon Smith, FP, scored on a jumper from the left side to get the offense going. CE answered with a 3 pointer from Patrick Holmes. Potterbaum would score twice before James Clement, CE, connected on a long rang 3 pointer. Adonis Prince, CE, frustrated FP with his penetration of their defense which caused Rochford to rotate out of position for the defensive rebound. Prince was fouled and hit both free throw's as CE went into the half leading 17-13.

The second half saw the emergence of De Michael Zellars who took no prisoners as he completely dominated the offensive and defensive boards. With Zellars controlling the skies, and Potterbaum and Terry Frazier, FP, in foul trouble, Prince decided it was time to step up the ground attack and scored 6 points in the paint.

When Prince missed a shot Zellars was there for the bucket. With FP in a desperate attempt to stop the bleeding, they decided to play the "Hack a Shack" game with Zellars. This plan backfired when Zellars was sent to the line five consecutive times and hit a league record eight free throws. Brandon Smith tried to fight back with a pair of jumpers, but it was futile.

If that wasn't enough, with 15 seconds remaining in the contest CE#1 brought in their secret weapon 5'11" power forward Dan



# First Four Council leads Bedrock Cleanup

By Master Sgt. Terry J. Nelson

407th AEG Public Affairs

About 60 people met early Saturday morning at the Hot Spot here to help clean up our base and Bedrock. The group wasn't nearly as large as the first cleanup of AEF 3/4 but the enthusiasm was definitely there.

"Saturday was a exhilarating day, a day which all ranks came together as a team and helped make Ali Base a cleaner place," said Airman 1st Class Jessica Farley, 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron and First Four Council President. "This effort was fascinating, this type of team work makes our mission easier, and is something I would like to see more of at home stations."

"We picked up 20 cubic yards of garbage, about 6,000 pound worth," said Senior Master Sgt. Maurice Stansbury, 407th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron superintendent.

"The Bedrock cleanup was a big success. Although, It seemed that not as many people turned out this time," said Senior Airman Curtis Brown, 407th ECES and First Four Vice President. "That shows the quality of work done and that is what counts."

"I was very impressed with today's Tent City (Bedrock) cleanup. The First Four Council, our volunteers and civil engineering did an outstanding job. Although we had a much smaller group this time, we were able to collect a lot of trash in and around Bedrock," said Chief Master Sgt.



Photos by Chief Master Sgt. James Lawrence

James Lawrence, 407th Air Expeditionary Group superintendent.

"I'm very hopeful our next cleanup will include a greater cross-section of the Group."



(Top) Bedrock residents pick up garbage here Saturday.

(Left) From left to right: Airman 1st Class Jessica Farley, First Four President, Senior Airman Curtis Brown, First Four Vice President, Chief Master Sgt. James Lawrence, Honorable Member of the First Four, Airman 1st Class Kenosha Whiley-Smith, First Four Treasurer and Airman 1st Class Roger Abalos, First Four Secretary, gather Saturday for a group photo following cleanup day.



About 60 people turned out Saturday morning to clean up Ali Base and Bedrock.



Airman Simon Lindsey, 407th Expeditionary Services Squadron, found the golden piece of trash during Saturday's cleanup. Airman Lindsey won a \$25 AAFES gift certificate donated by the Ali base Top Three.

## 407th AEG Warrior of the Week SSgt Thomas Dantin



**Unit:** 407th Expeditionary Communications Squadron

**Home unit:** 615th Aircraft Maintenance Operations Sq., Travis AFB, CA.

### Why other warriors say he's a warrior:

Staff Sgt. Thomas Dantin deployed from Travis with his unit, and upon arriving in Florida became seriously ill and could not move his neck. Medical experts at Hurlburt Field Fla., suspected Meningitis and administered a spinal tap. Test confirmed negative and Sergeant Dantin was returned to his plane after three hours.

Upon arrival at Al Udiad, Qatar, he was again pulled experiencing severe pain and unable to move. He was kept for observation and treatment for 4 days.

Despite the obstacles laid in his path Sergeant Dantin has been involved in the complete telephone and computer network rewire for group building renovation. He was involved in the installation of telephone and fiber optics for video feed to be shared between Allies. He was also a vital part of the new system wired into the VCC enhancing security and safety of all personnel on ALI base.

**What is your most memorable Air Force experience:** My first deployment which was into Khandahar Afghanistan and seeing the airport just like it was on the news.

**Hobbies:** Avid sports participant, I play football, hockey, softball, and I enjoy spending time with my wife and children.

## B-Ball

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Vital. As Vital entered the game, the CE fans erupted in cheers! When the "Fat Lady Sang", FP was defeated soundly with a final score of 37-25.

Rochford led FP with 10 points; Smith added eight and Potterbaum finished with six. CE was paced by Prince with 14 points, and Zellars added 13.

### OSS victorious over 777th 39-36:

By sheer determination the 407th OSS pulled off a miraculous comeback to shock the rugged 777th.

First half action saw numerous turnovers by both teams with the 777th doing most of the offensive damage connecting on 3 pointers by Paul Williams and Michael Wilkins. Rodger Redwood, 777th, scored in the paint while using big 6' 4" Johnathan Nelson for defensive cover.

The only offense mustered by OSS was a deep 3 pointer by Earl Grant and a bucket each by Mathew Miller, Joshua Wolfe, and Tyler Goble. The 777th went into the half with a comfortable lead of 19-9.

In the second half OSS came out aggressive. The crowd noticed the momentum change immediately, as Miller dropped a bucket from the right side and Wolfe hounded the 777th guards into a turnover. Then someone unleashed a dormant Johnathan Rollins, OSS. Rollins when on a tear of magnificent proportions; scoring basket after unanswered basket. Wilkins, 777, started the attack with two 3 pointers from the key in an attempt to keep his team ahead. The antics of Rollins proved too much as he continued to score with reckless abandon.

Rollins ended up scoring 14 second half points to give OSS a 39-36 victory. Wilkins led 777th with 20 points and Williams added seven. Rollins led OSS with 14, scoring all of them in the second half! Grant had 10, Wolfe had seven and Miller added six.

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ORANGE GLAZED CORNISH HENS  
BAKED HAM  
ROAST TURKEY  
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RICE PILAF  
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SEASONED GREEN BEANS  
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**27 MARCH 2005**




PECAN PIE  
APPLE PIE  
BLUEBERRY PIE  
CHERRY PIE  
ASST. CHEESECAKE  
ASST. SALADS

**Holiday Hours**  
Continental Breakfast  
05:30 to 07:30  
Lunch  
12:00 to 15:00  
Dinner  
17:00 to 20:00

NON-ALCOHOLIC RED WINE  
NON-ALCOHOLIC WHITE WINE  
ASST. CANDY & CHOCOLATES



# HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE



## OUT AND ABOUT



### Worship services

Worship is at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group Oasis of Peace Chapel, unless otherwise noted. The chapel is open 24 hours a day for prayer and reflection. For details on worship opportunities, call 445-2006.

## Easter worship opportunities

#### Today:

10:30 a.m. Good Friday Roman Catholic Service at Camp Cedar  
7 p.m. Good Friday Roman Catholic Service at Chapel  
8 p.m. Good Friday Protestant Service at Chapel

#### Saturday:

8 a.m. TCN Mass at Coalition Cafe  
7 p.m. Catholic Easter Vigil Mass at Chapel

#### Easter Sunday:

5 a.m. LDS Sunrise Service (Contact Air Force Chapel)  
8 a.m. Easter Roman Catholic Mass at Big Top  
9:30 a.m. Traditional Protestant Service at Chapel  
10 a.m. Combined Protestant Service c/o Army at Big Top  
10:30 a.m. Roman Catholic Mass at Camp Cedar  
12:30 p.m. Gospel Service at Big Top  
7 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service at Chapel

#### Monday

1800 Weekday Mass @ Chapel  
1830 Gospel Service Prayer Hour @ Conf. Room  
1930 Gospel Choir Rehearsal @ Big Top

#### Tuesday

0600 Weekday Mass @ Chapel  
1900 RCIA @ Conf. Room

#### Wednesday

1700 Catholic Choir Rehearsal @ Chapel

1800 Weekday Mass @ Chapel

2000 40 Days of Purpose Bible Study @ Chapel Annex

#### Thursday

0600 Weekday Mass @ Chapel

1830 Catholic Choir Rehearsal @ Chapel

1900 LDS Study @ Army Religious Activity Center

1945 Gospel Service Bible Study @ Chapel

#### Friday

1800 Weekday Mass @ Chapel

1830 Gospel Choir Rehearsal @ Chapel

1145 Islamic Prayer @ Army Religious Activity Center

#### Saturday

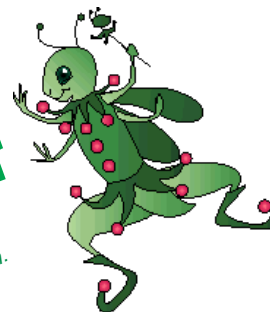
1730 Catholic Confession @ Chapel/Chaplain's Office

1800 Catholic Vigil Mass @ Chapel

1900 Contemporary Praise Team Rehearsal @ Chapel

## Cricket Movie Theater

Viewer's Choice  
Everyday at 2, 4, 6 and 10 p.m.



### Today

Noon, Chronicles Of Riddick  
8 p.m., Chronicles Of Riddick  
Midnight, Chronicles Of Riddick

### Saturday

Noon, Without A Paddle  
8 p.m., Without A Paddle  
Midnight, Without A Paddle

### Sunday

Noon, Viewers Choice  
8 p.m., Viewers Choice  
Midnight, Viewers Choice

### Monday

Noon, Saw  
8 p.m., Saw  
Midnight, Saw

### Tuesday

Noon, Viewers Choice  
8 p.m., Viewers Choice  
Midnight, Viewers Choice

### Wednesday

Noon, Viewers Choice  
8 p.m., Viewers Choice  
Midnight, Viewers Choice

### Thursday

Noon, Viewers Choice  
8 p.m., Viewers Choice  
Midnight, Viewers Choice

### April 1st

Noon, Viewers Choice  
8 p.m., Viewers Choice  
Midnight, Viewers Choice



Colonel Dennis Diggett, 407th AEG commander, threw a barbecue Saturday at the Big Top here for his AEG staff and invited guests.



Photos by Master Sgt. Terry Nelson

Brigadier General Jimmy Welch, 194th Engineer Brigade commander, and Col. Dennis Diggett, 407th AEG commander, play craps Saturday during the barbecue. The 407th ESVS provided the entertainment.

## ESVS Presents Just for fun

<b>Tonight</b> , Combat Bingo, 8:00 p.m., Talent Show, 9 p.m.	<b>Tuesday</b> , Checkers, 2 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b> , Hearts, 8 p.m.	<b>Wednesday</b> , Foosball, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b> , 9 Ball, 8 p.m.	<b>Thursday</b> , Spades, 2:00 p.m.
<b>Monday</b> , Madden League, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Apr. 1st</b> , Combat Bingo, 7:30 p.m.

## Muscle Beach Events

<b>Today</b> , Yoga, 5:30 a.m., B-Ball, 7, 8 and 9 p.m.	<b>Tuesday</b> , Tai Chi 5:30 a.m.
<b>Saturday</b> , Unit Sports Day	<b>Wednesday</b> , B-Ball, 7, 8 and 9 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b> , Volleyball, 1, 2 and 3 p.m.	<b>Thursday</b> , 4 on 4 Volleyball, 7 p.m.
<b>Monday</b> , B-Ball, 7, 8 and 9 p.m.	<b>Apr. 1st</b> , Yoga, 5:30 a.m., B-Ball, 7, 8 and 9 p.m.

## From the Chapel

### Have a piece of cake!

Sometimes, we wonder "What did I do to deserve this" or "Why did God have to do this to me." Here is an explanation!!!

A daughter is telling her mother how everything is going wrong. She's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her mother is baking a cake. She asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, "Absolutely mom, I love your cake."

"Here, have some cooking oil," her mother offers.

"Yuck" says her daughter. "How about a couple of raw eggs?"

"Gross, mom!"

"Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?"

"Mom, those are all yucky!"

To which the mother replies:

"Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!"

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why we are allowed to go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when things are put together in proper order, they always work for good! We just have to offer the ingredient of ourselves and trust, time and again, things work out and we will all be part of something wonderful!

Hope your day is a "piece of cake!"